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489 officials have been awarded major penalties and 455 officials have booked for minor penalties during the years 1992 to 1994.

(e) During the last three years, the number of unauthorised constructions demolished by DDA and MCD are 13459 and 541 respectively. Delhi Cantonment Board have reported that 12 unauthorised constructions were removed by them during 1994-95.

Removal of the remaining unauthorised constructions depend upon the availability of police assistance.

Allotment of Government Residential Accommodation

1856. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government residential accommodation allotted on in turn and out-of-turn basis during the years 1994 and 1995 so far, type-wise and month-wise; and how does this compare with the preceding three years;

(b) how many of these houses allotted on out-of-turn basis were sanctioned by the Minister of Urban Development and how many by the Minister of State for Urban Development; category-wise and month-wise;

(c) the specific reasons on the basis of which the houses were allotted on out-of-turn, basis, case-wise, during 1994; and

(d) whether it is a fact that power brokers are asking huge amounts to get the out-of-turn allotment sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) As per the provisions contained in SR 317-B-25 of the Allotment of Government Residences (General Pool in Delhi), Rules 1963, Government may relax all or any of the provisions of Allotment Rules in cases of any officer or residence or class of officers or type of residences. Under this provision the Competent Authority sanctions ad-hoc allotment at his/her discretion taking into account the service conditions and family circumstances of the officer concerned. Such allotments are generally made in one below the entitled types.

(d) No, Sir. No specific instance has been brought to the notice of the Government.

Setting up of a Central Authority to prevent encroachment of public premises

1857. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Delhi Court in early 1993 held that a Central Authority or department, with full-time function to reclaim the public premises in occupation of various people and to prevent further encroachment, be established;

(b) if so, whether any Central Authority or department has since been set up for the purpose, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how much land is under encroachment at present and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Court of the Sub-Judge, First Class, Tis Hazari Court, in Suit No. 581/92-Bhikari Lal Vs. MCD and Laxmi Chand, had directed that the Ministry of Urban Development should constitute a Committee to examine the suggestions

made for constituting a Central Authority or Department in respect of public premises vesting in and belonging to development bodies in Delhi.

The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in Civil Writ Petititon No. 3451 of 1989-Kailash Colony Women's Association Vs. MCD and Others, had inter-alia observed that a study should be immediately undertaken so as to find out the ways as to how the problems of unauthorised construction and illegal use could be sorted out and opined that it was necessary that the problem was considered by a Committee headed by Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India and consisting of Chief Secretary, Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi Commissioner, MCD, Vice Chairman DDA, Administrator, NDMC, General Manager, DESU and Commissioner of Police. Accordingly, a Committee was constituted in pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court

The Committee considered the problems of encroachment of public land, unauthorised construction and misuse of properties in Delhi and suggested legislative as well as administrative solutions to these problems. The report of the Committee stands submitted to the Hon'ble High Court. The Standing Government Counsel was requested on 17.2.1994 to inform the Hon'ble Court of Sub Judge, First Class, Tis Hazari Courts that the direction stands fulfilled in view of the above facts.

(c) Encroachment of public land and unauthorised constructions are continuing problems in Delhi. Action to remove such encroachments/construction is taken from time to time under the provisions of the relevant Acts by the local agencies with the help of police, wherever necessary. The position of encroachment on public land in Delhi as reported by the DDA, MCD, NDMC, L&DO and Delhi Cantonment Board are as under:—

DDA	Nazul - I land	4372 acres
	Nazul - II land	1329 acres
L & DO		95.516 acres
Delhi Cantonment Board		4.31 acres
MCD		33.23 acres
NDMC		1245 sq. mts.

Problem of Increasing urban population in the Country

1858. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's urban population is likely to increase during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) whether Government are proposing to settle such population in the urban areas or create more facilities in the rural areas to stop inflow?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government's approach to tackle the problem of population growth in urban areas is outlined in the Eighth Plan document. The approach envisages a two-pronged strategy: (i) generation of employment opportunities and creation of better facilities in rural areas through implementation of schemes like integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rozgar Yojana